GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
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Operation of Flights
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flights which are in operation both passenger and cargo, domestic/international by Air India and the requirement/sanctioned/actual strength of cabin crew;

(b) whether the Air India has grounded large number of cabin crew members mostly air hostesses;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there is any proposal to take back the grounded staff;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Air India proposes to switch over to 4-digit flight numbers and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a): Air India and Alliance Air (a wholly owned subsidiary of Air India) usually operates 450 flights per day.

In view of fleet augmentation and addition of new sectors and also on account of natural wastage and attrition in the category, the requirement of cabin crew is assessed by Air India from time to time. There is no sanctioned strength of the same.The actual strength of cabin crew is 3490.;

(b) to (e): At present, 34 cabin crew (30 female and 4 male) are grounded due high BMI (Body Mass Index). 22 is maximum BMI as stipulated in the DGCA,CAR. However, Air India provides opportunity to their cabin crew to reduce their weight. Therefore, cabin crew with 27 & above BMI are grounded to reduce weight.Once they come back below 27 BMI, they are taken back for flying duties.

(f): At present, Air India has no plans to switch over to 04 digit flight numbers for the schedule flights. Air India uses 04 digit flight numbers for additional flights/Charter flights and Code share flights.